

**Article 11: Fire Protection and Prevention**  
(*“Fire Protection and Prevention” added 1-27-2022*  
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**Division 1: Adoption of the 2022 California Fire Code**  
(*“Adoption of the 2019 California Fire Code” added 1-27-2022*  
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**§511.0101 Adoption of the 2022 California Fire Code, Purpose and Intent, and Administrative Provisions**

Portions of the California Fire Code, 2022 Edition, adopted.

Except as otherwise provided in this Article, the California Fire Code, designated in Title 24, Part 9 of the California Code of Regulations (2022 Edition) published by the International Code Council and the California Building Standards Commission, together with those portions of the 2021 Edition of the International Fire Code, including Appendices B, C, and D, published by the International Code Council not included in the California Building Standards Code are hereby adopted as the San Diego Fire Code and shall be in full force and effect. A copy of the California Fire Code (2022 Edition) and the International Fire Code (2021 Edition) is on file in the office of the City Clerk as Document No. OO-21409.

- (a) Collectively, the California Fire Code (2022 Edition), and the International Fire Code (2021) Edition are referred to in this Article as the 2022 California Fire Code.
- (b) Relationship of the San Diego Municipal Code section numbers to the 2022 California Fire Code section numbers.

This Chapter of the San Diego Municipal Code sets forth (1) the portions of the 2022 California Fire Code that the City has not adopted in the San Diego Fire Code, (2) the portions of the 2022 California Fire Code that the City has amended and adopted in the San Diego Fire Code, and (3) the portions of the San Diego Fire Code that were adopted as Local Additions that augment the 2022 California Fire Code. Text is included within this Chapter of the San Diego Municipal Code only where the City has not adopted or has amended the 2022 California Fire Code, or has adopted Local Additions that augment the 2022 California Fire Code. Otherwise, pursuant to paragraph (a) above, all portions of the 2022 California Fire Code are adopted in full.

In order to easily locate various sections of the 2022 California Fire Code within this Chapter of the San Diego Municipal Code, the numbering system of the Divisions within Chapter 5, Article 11 reflects the corresponding numbering system of the 2022 California Fire Code. For example, section 304.1.2 of the 2022 California Fire Code is reflected in Chapter 5, Article 11, Division 3, as section 511.0304. Also, sections within the 2022 California Fire Code retain those same section numbers when referred to within the text of the San Diego Municipal Code. For example, section 308.1.4 of the 2022 California Fire Code will also be cited as California Fire Code section 308.1.4 within the text of the San Diego Municipal Code.

- (c) Where the City has adopted an entire Chapter of the 2022 California Fire Code, the corresponding Division number within this Chapter is “reserved.”
- (d) Effective Date. Unless otherwise stated in a specific San Diego Municipal Code section or 2022 California Fire Code section adopted by the City, the effective date of the City’s Adoption/Local Amendment/Local Additions to the 2022 California Fire Code shall be January 1, 2023.
- (e) Reference to the California Building Code. Any reference within the San Diego Fire Code to the “C.B.C.” or “California Building Code” shall refer to those provisions of the California Building Code as adopted by Chapter 14 of the San Diego Municipal Code.

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**§511.0102 Portions of the 2022 California Fire Code Not Adopted**

The following sections of the 2022 California Fire Code are not adopted:

- (a) Section 308.1.4
- (b) Sections 403.3
- (c) Sections 403.5 through 403.9.2.1
- (d) Sections 403.9.2.1.2 through 403.10.1.6
- (e) Sections 403.10.3 through 403.10.5
- (f) Sections 404.2.3 through 404.2.3.2
- (g) Sections 406.1 through 406.3.4
- (h) Sections 1103.1 through 1103.3.2
- (i) Sections 1103.4 through 1103.6.2
- (j) Sections 1103.7.1 through 1103.7.2
- (k) Sections 1103.7.4 through 1103.7.6
- (l) Section 1103.9 (adopting 1103.9.1)
- (m) Section 1103.10
- (n) Sections 1104.1 through 1104.2
- (o) Sections 1104.6 through 1104.23
- (p) Sections 1105.1 through 1105.11.2
- (q) APPENDIX A
- (r) Section D104.1 only of APPENDIX D
- (s) APPENDIX E through APPENDIX P

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**§511.0103 Local Amendments to the 2022 California Fire Code Adopted by the City of San Diego**

The following sections or sub-sections of the 2022 California Fire Code are amended by this Article:

- (a) Chapter 1, Section 111.1, “Board of Appeals”
- (b) Chapter 2, Section 202, “General Definitions”
- (c) Chapter 3, Section 304.1.2, “Vegetation”
- (d) Chapter 3, Section 307.4.1, “Bonfires”
- (e) Chapter 3, Section 307.4.3, “Portable Outdoor Fireplaces”
- (f) Chapter 4, Section 401.2, “Approval”
- (g) Chapter 4, Section 401.4, “Required Plan Implementation”
- (h) Chapter 4, Section 403.2, “Group A Occupancies”
- (i) Chapter 5, Section 505.1, “Address Identification”
- (j) Chapter 49, Section 4906.3.1, “Contents”
- (k) Chapter 49, Section 4907.3, “Requirements”
- (l) Appendix B, Table B105.1(1), “Required Fire Flow for One-and Two-Family Dwellings, Group R-3 and R-4 Buildings and Townhouses”
- (m) Appendix C, Table C102.1, “Required Number and Spacing of Fire Hydrants”
- (n) Appendix D, Section D103.5, “Fire Apparatus Access Road Gates”
- (o) Appendix D, Section D103.6, “Signs”
- (p) Appendix D, Section D107.1, “One- or Two-Family Dwelling Residential Developments”

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**§511.0104 Local Additions to the 2022 California Fire Code Adopted by the City**

The following sections are adopted as Local Additions to the 2022 California Fire Code:

- (a) Chapter 3, Section 304.1.2.1, “Clearance of Brush and Vegetative Growth from Roadways”
- (b) Chapter 3, Section 304.1.2.2, “Waste Material”
- (c) Chapter 3, Section 307.4.4, “Red-flag and other high fire risk conditions”
- (d) Chapter 4, Section 403.11.1.3, “Standby Fire Department Personnel”
- (e) Chapter 5, Section 503.3.1, “Street Parking Prohibited”
- (f) Chapter 5, Section 507.5.7, “Identification”
- (g) Chapter 49, Section 4904.3.1.1, “Adoption of Fire Hazard Severity Zones”
- (h) Chapter 50, Section 5001.1.2, “Hazardous Materials HAZMAT Program Legislative Declaration and Findings”
- (i) Chapter 50, Section 5001.1.3, “Purpose of HAZMAT Program”
- (j) Chapter 50, Section 5001.1.4, “HAZMAT Inspections”
- (k) Chapter 56, Section 5601.1.3.1, “Where Prohibited”
- (l) Chapter 56, Section 5601.2.4.2.1, “Liability Insurance”
- (m) Appendix D, Section D106.2.1, “Multiple-Family Residential Developments With Significant Fire Risk”

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**§511.0105 California Fire Code, Chapter 1 - Scope and Administration**

- (a) Local Amendment. Section 111.1, Board of Appeals, is amended to read as follows:

When a question involving the interpretation of the intent and purpose of any provisions of the San Diego Fire Code or the suitability of alternate materials and types of construction is presented to the *Fire Code Official*, the *Fire Code Official* may request the Board of Building Appeals and Advisors (Board) to investigate such matters under the procedures established in section 111.0207 of the San Diego Municipal Code regarding building inspection. The request for Board action may come from any citizen affected by the San Diego Fire Code.

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